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| Hajime AGA et al. |) | Examiner: M. MORAN |
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| Filed: March 4, 1998 |) | October 15, 2001 |
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| For: A METHOD FOR INHIBITING |) | |
| OXYGEN-ELIMINATING... |) | |
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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Concurrent with filing a Request of Continued
Examination, please enter the following amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

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5. (Seventh Amendment) A method for inhibiting the
decrease of naturally occurring active-oxygen-eliminating
activity in a fresh plant in need thereof when the fresh plant
is sliced or disrupted, or when an edible part of the fresh
plant is disrupted, which comprises a step of

incorporating homogeneously, in an aqueous system,
at least 1% of an inhibitory agent based on said fresh plant
or said edible part on a dry solid basis into said fresh plant
or an edible part of said fresh plant which inhibitory agent
has an active-oxygen-eliminating activity, said inhibitory
agent comprising an effective amount of trehalose, and
optionally at least one member selected from the group
consisting of pullulan and cyclodextrin, and said inhibitory